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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“Like any other person, I’m looking out for mine and my wife’s future....”

—Lawrenceburg Mayor Don Combs, to the *Aurora Journal-Press*, on his purchase of Argosy Gaming Co. stock five days after the company won a contract

Smoke from gaming rises over Indiana

Mayors, legislators, friends of Gov. Bayh under scrutiny over gambling ties, interests

Political forecast: State sanctioned gambling, an issue ignited by U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar in his presidential campaign, is rapidly becoming a political hot potato here in Indiana and could have major legal and electoral consequences not only in next week’s municipal elections, but in 1996 as well.



In the past three weeks, several stories surfaced in the Indiana press over conduct of public officials and the gambling industry. The Indiana State Police have investigated a powerful Republican legislator and at least one mayor:

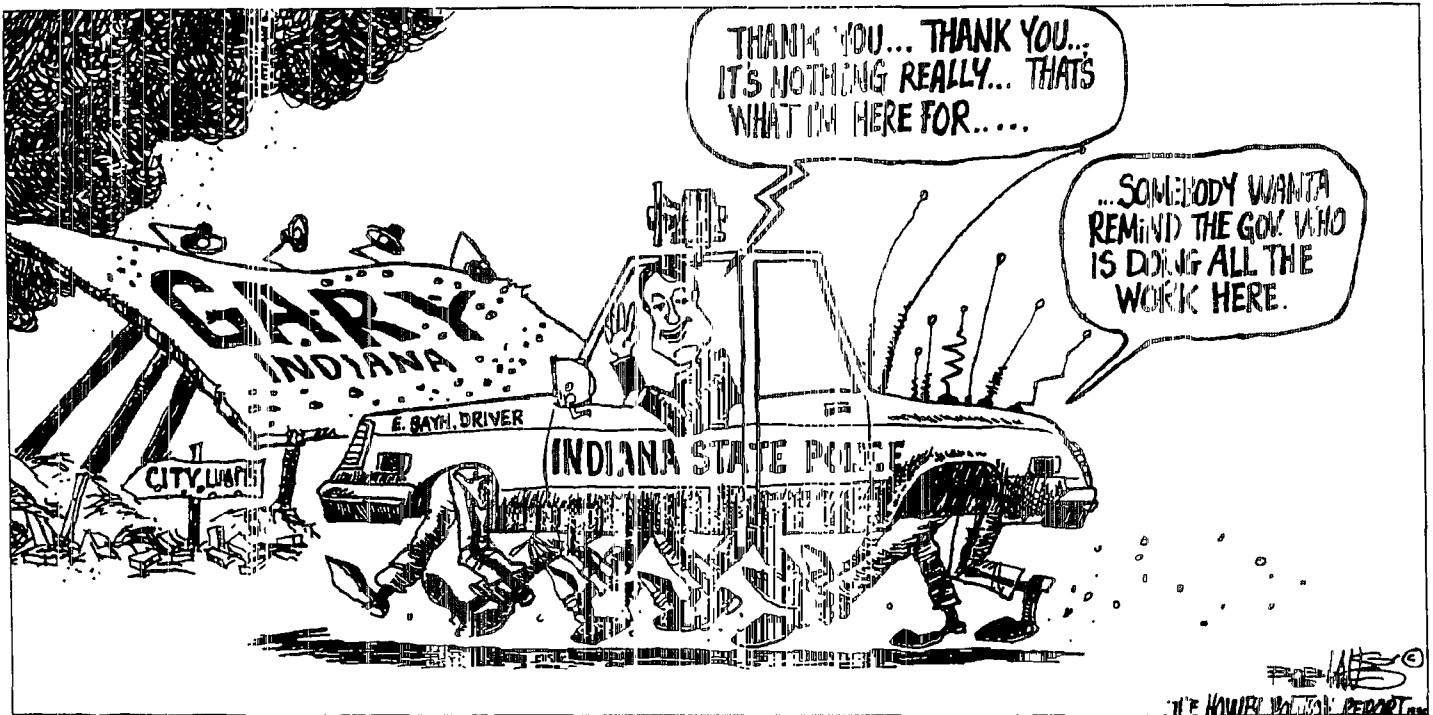
■ In the Oct. 31 edition of the *Aurora Journal-Press*, Lawrenceburg Mayor Don Combs revealed he purchased “less than \$10,000” of Argosy stock four or five days after the Indiana Gaming Commission gave the company a preliminary riverboat gambling license. Combs and the city council had signed an exclusive agreement with Argosy which had been voided by the gaming commission. In 1994, Combs personally endorsed Argosy over other city endorsed firms. The *Journal-Press* reported that Dearborn County Prosecutor Sally Dierking would not comment on any aspect of the stock purchase. The newspaper also quoted Floyd Hannon, deputy director of the Indiana Gaming Commission, as saying that from his agency’s viewpoint, Combs is free to buy stock, but that questions about conflict of interest would be up to prosecutors.

■ In the Oct. 29 edition of the *Indianapolis Star*, columnist Dick Cady reported that State Rep. Sam Turpin, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, was hired by Conesco, Inc., which has a 26.5 percent interest in Indiana Gaming Co. and the Lawrenceburg casino. Turpin was observed attending hearings on the license last June. He insisted he was “over there a couple of times

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Devil's Dictionary

By Ambrose Bierce

Garter, n. An elastic band intended to keep a woman from coming out of her stockings and desolating the country.

Hand, n. A singular instrument worn at the end of a human arm and commonly thrust into somebody's pocket.

Longevity, n. Uncommon extension of the fear of death.

Wendellisms

By Wendell Trogon, Indianapolis News
If there had been class basketball back in '54, Bob Plump would be hanging out at the Railroad Restaurant in Milan instead of the Last Shot he owns in Broad Ripple.

Lubbers says Powell won't force Lugar from race

The "Powell scenario" is hanging over the 10 announced Republican presidential candidates like an anvil.

While U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar intends to appeal to the same constituency that would flock to Gen. Colin Powell, should the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff enter the race, it won't force the Indiana Republican from the race.

Asked if Lugar would stay in if Powell enters, campaign chairman Mark Lubbers said last Saturday on WNDY-TV's *Mike Pence Show*, "Absolutely. It'll require a change of strategy, but we're in until the end."

Lubbers believes Powell will not become a candidate. "I had thought not for the last several months and I continue to believe that finally he won't," Lubbers said.

Brian Vargus of the Indiana University Public Opinion Laboratory agreed. "I do not think he will be a candidate because his family doesn't want him to run and this is a man who actually listens to his family."

Lubbers added that Powell "has done our campaign a great favor because he has frozen the field. People are not moving into this race because of him and he has introduced candidate attributes into this race that only Dick

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Lugar can fill." Said Vargus, "Actually, if he got in I think it helps Lugar in a number of ways. First the integrity issue - the only person who brings the integrity of Colin Powell to the table is Dick Lugar and I don't think Powell is electable as a Republican."

■ **Lugar notes:** This will be a crucial weekend for the presidential campaign of Lugar. A caucus in Maine will take place on Saturday, and the Lugar campaign is counting on a good showing to boost its fortunes in New Hampshire.

■ Lugar penned an op-ed piece for the *Washington Post* on Tuesday, taking issue with an editorial that suggested the agriculture reform bill he passed was off the mark. "Although not perfect, the legislation passed by the Senate represents monumental change in federal agriculture policy. It combines sound fiscal policy with progressive farm policy, while meeting the our budget savings mandate and giving farmers new freedom from intrusive regulations," Lugar wrote.

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Final look at mayoral races prior to '95 polling

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<u>RACE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
ELKHART Perron (D) v. McDowell	Toss-Up	<i>Truth</i> endorses McDowell, but that's been the kiss of death in the past. Race too close to call in Perron's attempt at fourth term.
GARY King (D) v. Boswell (R) Williams (I)	Safe D	Mayor Barnes says occupied Gary needs black mayor. But Steel City voters (85 percent Democratic) will vote party, not race.
MUNCIE Carey (D) v. Canan (R) Hampton (I)	Leans R	Splintered Democratic Party is suspect on Carey's behalf. Many former allies working for Canan or sitting this one out. Close, but it looks like Carey's swan song.
FORT WAYNE Essex (D) v. Helmke (R) v. Kempf (I)	Safe R	Helmke should win this easily for a third term. Essex got out of the gates too late. Big win for Helmke could put him back on statewide map if O'Bannon wins in '96.
BLOOMINGTON Fernandez (D) v. White (R) v. Lewis (I)	Toss-Up	Lewis in the race will hurt Fernandez, but to what extent is up for debate. White has impressed even Democrats.

TRENDLINE: State Democrats still optimistic of winning 75 races as a building block for '96 and '98. Look for Dems to possibly pick up Hammond, Vincennes, Lawrenceburg and Columbus, while hanging on to Evansville, Anderson and New Albany.



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Play of the Week

To Michigan City's *Sylvia Bankoff*, who for 42 years has been bringing great names to Michigan City's Sinai Sunday Evening Forum. Since 1954, *Sylvia* and the late *Dr. Milton Bankoff* have hosted such names as *Eleanor Roosevelt*, *Justice William O. Douglas*, *Walter Cronkite*, *Clement Atlee*, *Jackie Robinson*, *Pearl Bailey*, *Elie Wiesel*, *Bill Mauldin*, *Frank Reynolds*, *Itzhak Rabin*, *Benjamin Spock*, *Pat Buchanan* and *Buckminster Fuller*. This year, *F. Lee Bailey* opens the season on Nov. 19, followed by the *Capitol Steps* (Dec. 17), *Clifford Stoll* (Jan. 14), *Rocky Blier* (Feb. 11) and *Judge Abner Mikva* (March 10). Call for ticket information at 219-874-4477.

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Dan Quayle says he has "no problem" with *Colin Powell* taking a place on the 1996 Republican presidential ticket. On Monday, Quayle said that abortion - the chief chink in Powell's conservative armor - shouldn't be "an overriding issue."

If *Powell* were to enter the GOP New Hampshire primary, a WMUR-TV poll reveals he would cut *Sen. Bob Dole's* support in half - from 33 percent to 18. With Powell in the race, undecideds also go from 18 percent to 31 percent, which would play into the hands of

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U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar.

Michael Petyo of Hobart will challenge U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky in the 1st CD (Rich James, Gary Post-Tribune). But James quotes former State Rep. Jerome Reppa as saying a Republican running in the 1st CD is like a team of .200 hitters taking on a team of .300 hitters. The way the district is drawn "almost makes it impossible for a Republican to win," Reppa said.

In the 5th CD, James quotes 5th CD Chairman John Cochran as saying, "People are standing back and seeing what is happening in the national picture and where the country is headed." So far, no Democrat has surfaced to challenge U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer. But Jasper County Democratic Chairman Michael Silverthorne believes that will change. "The age of this district is up there with a lot of elderly folks," Silverthorne said. "The Republicans are cutting their own throats by hitting them right in the pocketbook."

9th CD Democratic Chairman Mike Jones tells HPR that it is his intention to seek the state chairmanship in 1997. Jones has spoken with Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon about the position. Jones ran in 1995 and had nine votes, two short of winning.

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Durnil ponders the Goldsmith candidacy, and the meaning of an oath of office

By Gordon K. Durnil

When I was but a youth of a score and five years, just being involved in a statewide political campaign was reward enough. But age works its way on such thoughts. Age also causes people to ponder things. Now, as I approach the 60-year mark, I have been pondering the 1996 gubernatorial race from the sidelines.

Should I get involved, and if so, why?

Excitement is no longer motivation enough for me. I have survived the excitement of 38 statewide campaigns, so now I look for a candidate who is a special person motivated by ideas and solutions. A person of honor. Oh, I had such a candidate. He was a man of ideas. A man of philosophical common sense. He was a man I found it easy to support, but he stepped aside. Now where do I go? Who do I support in the Republican gubernatorial race?

George Witwer is a man of ideas, a decent person. Bob Garton has been a leader of state government for years, also a good and decent person. Rex Early is a friend of three decades, well qualified to be governor and certainly deserves the label of good and decent. All three fit my model of what a good conservative leader should be.

Steve Goldsmith, although younger than I, has been doing his own brand of pondering. He is contemplating the race for governor, even though he is lining up to take the oath of office for another term as mayor of Indianapolis. Maybe it is just my aging gray matter graying a

little too rapidly, but something about that action (taking the oath of office for one job when you intend to run for another) bothers me deeply. I find it to be a moral hurdle that I cannot bring myself to leap over just for the sake of political expediency.

Taking an oath has always been an act of great seriousness to me. Usually when you raise your right hand to confirm an oath, you put your left hand on a Bible as an affirmation to God. If you don't mean it, then you should not take an oath, has been my belief. Isn't that thought a basic religious value? I wondered.

I reread Exodus 20. Then I pulled out my trusty Funk & Wagnalls Dictionary in search of the denotation for the word oath. I found four choices: 1.) A solemn attestation in support of a declaration or a promise, by an appeal to God; 2.) Such an attestation or affirmation of the truth of a statement as renders one liable to punishment for perjury; 3.) A frivolous and blasphemous use of the name of the Deity or any other sacred name or object; or 4.) An imprecation lightly or humorously used. Surely the oath under consideration falls within, or close to, the first two definitions mentioned.

Still I ponder. How can an honorable person make a solemn vow, if it is in that person's mind not to honor such oath, but to do something different?

Should I support Rex, or Bob, or George, or...?

Goldsmith promises campaign announcement in January

PERU - Mayor Stephen Goldsmith told the Peru Rotary Club earlier this month that he will announce whether he will run for governor after the first of the year (Marge Donoghue, *Peru Tribune*).

Goldsmith also promised to bring his privatization program to Indiana government should he run and be elected. He said in his speech that workers should submit bids for their services, contending the process will save the state money and increase efficiency of work.

☞ Gubernatorial notes: Expect the cam-

paigned of Rex Early to make another request for Indianapolis public records later this week. "We want to know why these guys are getting all the contracts," said State Rep. Mike Young, who manages Early's campaign.

Young said he has received no response from the Steve Goldsmith Committee on his request for records earlier this month involving the Oscar Robertson/Smoot firm.

A Goldsmith spokeswoman told HPR she didn't know how the campaign would respond to Early's request.

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Harrison Ullman, Nuvo - Steve Goldsmith has broken our laws. He has committed felonies, swearing false oaths in listing false addresses on his voter's registration and candidate's declarations. These are small felonies, listed in the lowest category that Indiana law sets for for felonies. But they are still felonies - felonies committed by a lawyer who has sworn numerous oaths to uphold our laws; felonies committed by a lawyer who has served as public prosecutor of other people accused of other felonies. I believe Mayor Goldsmith has broken other laws, refusing to send out for bids on the city's contracts, refusing to hold hearings on his privatization projects, and refusing to provide a full accounting of his tenure. The city is littered with done deals, some of them done badly, most of them done behind closed and locked doors. Our constitutions were written to protect our right to be wrong. Our governments were built to protect us from people who know what's best for us. But Mayor Goldsmith is unwilling, or perhaps unable, to accept these principles. That makes him undemocratic. That makes him unAmerican. And that makes him unfit for public office, even in Indiana.

Mary Dieter, Louisville Courier-Journal - The loud bang you heard from the north shortly after noon Friday was the sound of jaws collectively striking the table when some rivals of Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith got a look at his new campaign finance report. In a re-election race in which he has just token opposition, Goldsmith has raised \$2.9 million and, perhaps more significant, had \$2.3 million on hand as of Oct. 13. So if there's anybody left who doesn't believe Goldsmith is running for governor, not just for re-election, a peek at his warchest ought to convince them. And here's another tidbit that might give them pause: Goldsmith has between \$250,000 and \$500,000 more in a gubernatorial exploratory committee account.

Mike Leonard, Bloomington Herald-Times - It was good to see Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon get out for a news conference last Friday to squelch persistent rumors that he no longer walks among

the living. Sure, it's tough to get noticed, serving under a handsome young governor who is constantly preening for attention. But the bone thrown O'Bannon's way last week may not be as beneficial as the Corydon Democrat might like. It doesn't even matter that the KIDS ID sticker that O'Bannon introduced to Hoosiers actually might prove to be beneficial in helping rescue teams identify toddlers involved in automobile accidents. The new sticker won't offer any protections that parents couldn't already offer - unless the sticker is to be affixed to the children's heads.

Morton Marcus, syndicated - The Indiana General Assembly is examining economic development and regulatory relief. Economic development may not be the main concern. It is likely that selected voices in the business community once again are crying that they are oppressed by the high costs and heavy hand of unnecessary and unevenly administered government regulation. We will hear that the real costs exceed the imaginary benefits, that we are regulating ourselves out of competition with the Thais, the Nubians, and the Albanians. Heavy breathers in the legislature will see an opportunity to advance their philosophy that less government is better government. Today's prosperous Hoosier economy offers millions of people secure and healthy lives because of regulations we have accepted and forgotten. If we dismantle that structure, we risk exhuming horrors our predecessors were determined to bury.

Brian Howey, HPR - Listen, I tell my son Thomas, to the muffled motor grinding into the dusty night. That's the corn harvest coming in. As one drives south on Miami County's Strawtown Pike, the 90-degree turns in the road are yellow and chalky white from the corn spilling out of the farm trucks headed to the storage bins. By the northern outskirts of Kokomo, graders have followed the combines, literally carving out of the stubble the foundations for a billion-dollar Chrysler plant along U.S. 31.

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The Indiana Congressional delegation voted 8-2 in favor of a non-binding House resolution saying U.S. troops should not be committed to Bosnia without Congressional approval. Voting for the resolution were Republicans *Dan Burton, Steve Buyer, John Hostettler, David McIntosh, Mark Souder* and *John Myers*, and Democrats *Andy Jacobs* and *Tim Roemer*. Voting no were *Lee Hamilton* and *Pete Visclosky*.

The *Louisville Courier-Journal* has endorsed Democratic *New Albany Mayor Doug England* and *Jeffersonville Democratic nominee Tom Galligan* in next Tuesday's election.

It's easy to find a parking space at the Statehouse press corps lot these days. Most reporters are covering the ghost employment trial of former state clerk of the courts *Dwayne Brown*. Thus far, the highlight of the trial has been *Bloomington City Clerk and Monroe County Democratic Chairwoman Patricia Williams*, who said a *Brown* appearance at a party luncheon was in no way connected to the business of the clerk. But *Williams* and current *Clerk of the Court John Okeson* testified that politicians routinely speak at various events around the state. *Williams* mentioned *Joe Hogsett, Attorney Gen. Pam Carter, Gov. Evan Bayh* and *Lt. Gov.*

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Bayh talks about: his surplus, the Senate, fatherhood, the presidency

GREENCASTLE - DePauw University Prof. Ken Bode is, arguably, one of the best political interviewers in the nation as he hosts the PBS "Washington Week in Review."

When he invited Gov. Evan Bayh to DePauw last week to talk about his past, present and future, HPR was there to watch. Here are the highlights of Bode's interview as Evan Bayh talked about his successes, the 1998 Senate race, and his family.

Bode: You have a big surplus. That's unusual. What would you do with that?

Bayh: Well, we don't intend to spend all of it. I think it's important that we maintain a good surplus because while the economy is strong today and we're working to keep it that way, there are unexpected downturns. Now having said that, the surplus may be so large and continues to grow that there are some things we can do. I have begun discussion with some of the legislative leaders for reasonable and targeted tax reductions that would help with the cost of college, for example, at institutions like this. It would also help with the costs of a family to make ends meet and would also help to create jobs and further economic growth in the state. So there's some ideas for tax relief that would serve a number of public purposes.

Bode: What are your plans in January when the legislature comes back? What's the Bayh agenda?

Bayh: Again, I don't want to be a Johnny One Note. I'll re-emphasize the economic growth and that's where some of the tax cut ideas we have come in. There are two other challenges our state has. One would be a problem many people feel, the shredding of the social fabric. Families are under pressure. There are the problems with crime, drug addictions, teen pregnancy and those sorts of things. Many families have trouble making ends meet. I'll have some proposals to help continue strengthen the economy and also help with the families and help mend that social fabric.

Bode: The 1994 election affected this country in a profound way. Let's take what the national results meant to you as a governor.

Bayh: The results so far have been pretty

minor. But, as you know, we're down to the hard part right now, the crunch part, the budget. And that will have a tremendous impact in Indiana and all states. As I look at it, I think a lot of it is backloading. By that I mean a lot of the spending cuts and other items are designed to hit after the next presidential election. It was a shrewd maneuver on their part. The bottom line is there probably won't be a whole lot during my term. I'm all for balancing the federal budget, but my concern is that rather than solving the Medicaid crisis, they are merely shifting it down to a different level of government. When you talk about the state of Indiana, more than 60 cents of every tax dollar we pay goes for education. So if you increase the amount of burden and amount of expense that goes to health care, by definition there will be fewer funds left for education. For those who care about property taxes, it is entirely possible that when the going gets rough, the legislature may say, "Well, with the prevailing leaders shifting government back to the level closest to the people from Washington to Indianapolis, we want to shift it from Indianapolis to Greencastle and Putnam County. I think the seat where local officials sit in years to come may get hotter.

Bode: If we get those national block grants, would you have to figure some of that surplus to cover more Medicaid?

Bayh: Some of the formulas I've seen in Washington suggest there could be as small as a 2 or 3 percent annual increase in the federal contribution to Medicaid. This year, health costs are going up at historically slow rates and it's still going up 8 or 9 percent. You don't have to be an Albert Einstein to figure out if the program is growing by 8 or 9 percent and the feds are increasing their part by only 2 or 3, that every year is going to represent a substantial shift in burden to the states. That's why I want to retain a healthy surplus in our state.

Bode: Let's assume that you're not just interested in the Senate, but you're in the Senate. How out of step would this Republican Revolution be with you?

Bayh: There would be some parts I would agree with and other parts I disagree. I

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- Evan Bayh



think it's important to balance the federal budget. Some of the fiscal elements I could support whole-heartedly. I do think it's regrettable that at a time when we need to be making more of a commitment to education in our country that we are cutting back on higher education. Some other aspects, particularly with the elderly, I would be out of step. I wish I could be doctrinaire for you, but I've never been an ideologue and I've been more results oriented, so I kind of pick and choose what I think is right.

Bode: You're raising money. What are your plans?

Bayh: Under federal law, raising \$5,000 for a multi-million campaign is a pretty modest amount. I'll tell you what my priorities are right now that shouldn't come as too much of a surprise. I want to be a good father. That's my top priority. I'm sure that when we have our children that will change my view of the world. It may change the view of what I want to do with my life because they'll be the most important things in my life. From a professional standpoint, and the reason I mention all of that, as you know, is the trade-offs between your family and public life present you with some pretty difficult choices. But there is nothing I'd rather do with my life than to help our state and help our country meet the significant challenges at a particularly critical juncture in our history. I think that could be the most wonderful thing I could do for my own kids. I want to keep that option open. If I had decided to do nothing, that would essentially have been to decide not to and that's not an option I like to foreclose at this time.

Bode: I talked to a Republican about ('98 fund-raising) and he basically said the human vacuum cleaner is at work.

Bayh: Oh my. Well, I guess depending on who that was I should take it as a compliment.

Bode: How much do you want to get this seat back in the Bayh family?

Bayh: Look, this isn't Shakespeare. My father did hold this particular seat for many years and that's a nice historic footnote. But that's no reason for running for the United States Senate. There are more important issues than that. I am proud of my father. I love my father. But it's the future of the state and country that I would seek that office and that's the

reason I sought the governorship when I ran.

Bode: Who would be the Democrat in the Senate you feel most akin to?

Bayh: Sam Nunn is retiring and I have a lot of respect for him. I'll tell you a man who has some interesting ideas is Joe Lieberman. John Breaux is a man who has some good ideas. I don't intend to run for the United States Senate, if I do, to be like someone else.

Student questioner: Do you see yourself in a presidential position?

Bayh: With regard to my father's run for the presidency, I probably wouldn't be doing what I am today if he hadn't run for the presidency. When I was a sophomore in college, I took a semester off to go to Iowa and New Hampshire. I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life then. Somewhere in those months of going through the snows of Iowa and New Hampshire and going door-to-door and speaking to groups of people, I discovered what I felt was a rewarding way to spend my life. Ironically, he wasn't successful. And his last campaign for the Senate had a big impact on me, too, and we weren't successful then either. In both those experiences, I discovered that sometimes it's not so much winning or losing that matters. It's making the effort and standing up for what you believe.

Student questioner: What do you think your father's legacy is...and do you think you departed from that at all?

Bayh: Probably what is mentioned most often as the biggest difference between me and my father is a fiscal difference. People say, "Gosh, you're a conservative because you believe in balanced budgets and your father was a fiscal liberal." I think the last year my father was in the United States Senate, the federal deficit was \$35 billion or something like that, which makes him look like a skinflint with the numbers these fellows have racked up here recently. The '60s and '70s when my father served were quite a bit different than the '80s and '90s. We dominated markets effortlessly then. That's not the case anymore. We face very intense competition. So, I would say to you my dedication to fiscal responsibility in balanced budgets and economic growth is more a reflection of the times than a reflection of differing philosophy between my father and myself.

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Frank O'Bannon, who had spoken to similar events (George McLaren, Indianapolis Star/News). Okeson said the line often "blurs" when government officials attend political events.

Mark Helmke has left the Lugar presidential campaign as communications director after he was forced to ante up \$1,000 for his former boss, prominent fund-raiser James H. Lake, in 1994. Sen. Lugar called the resignation "appropriate." Helmke told George Stuteville of the Indianapolis Star/News, "What I did is what is wrong with politics in Washington today."

Mayor Steve Goldsmith has no plans to pull a mayoral TV campaign ad that shows a black man when the announcer talks about crime. Marion County NAACP president Roderick Bohannon called the ad "insensitive." But campaign manager Anne Shane said the ad was reviewed, adding, "We felt it was very balanced" (Mary Beth Schneider, Joe Fahy, Indianapolis Star/News).

Char Lugar appeared on CNN's "Talk Back Live" Wednesday afternoon.

On the legislative front, Indiana Democrats have tapped Patrick Cunningham to challenge State Rep. L. Jack Lutz in District 36. Also, State Rep. Robert Bischoff

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faces a probable rematch of his 1990 race against former Indiana State Trooper *Charles Fehrman* of Lawrenceburg.

Indianapolis Republican *Gary Secrest* announced his plan to seek the Indiana Attorney General's office last week. Secrest joins what is expected to be a crowded field. Others expected to run are *Greg Zoeller*, *Charles N. Braun II*, and *Steve Carter* of Indianapolis, *Nelson Chipman* of Plymouth and *Eric Koch* of Bedford. Democratic Attorney General *Pam Carter* is expected to announce her re-election plans in January.

Brian Howey's weekly column, "Politicking," begins publication in the *Jeffersonville Evening News*. Howey's column now runs in 26 Indiana newspapers.

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Bayh supports Lugar call for gaming study

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watching the commission function. It's a state function, and I wanted to see how they're operating." Dierking's office will review the Indiana State Police report after it is reviewed by Marion County Prosecutor Scott Newman.

■ In the Oct. 23 edition of the *Indianapolis Star*, a front-page story revealed that East Chicago Mayor Robert Pastrick and former Indiana Democratic Chairman Michael Pannos stood to make \$70 million over a five-year period for a casino that was not competitively bid.

■ On Oct. 24, Ken Bode of DePaul University's Center for Contemporary Media asked Gov. Evan Bayh if the fact that political associates were making money off the fledgling casino industry here was a problem. "What you're really asking me is whether I personally should get involved in making these decisions," Bayh responded. "My answer is unalterably no.

"There have been some close friends of mine who have been involved in this and been unsuccessful," Bayh said of the Simon family's attempts to secure a casino in Evansville. "They didn't win. The mayor down there had his favorite candidate. The mayor down there did everything he could to see that other people didn't win and that his favorite people won."

Bayh said that he chose Jack Thar to head the gaming commission because he was a career prosecutor who headed the Justice Department's organized crime unit in Indiana. "If I knew one person who could be honest, it was Jack Thar," Bayh said. "I said, 'Jack, I only care about two things. Keep it honest and keep the criminals out.'

"To this day, I have never communicated with any of them about who I thought should or shouldn't get a license. The governor of West Virginia told me - they had something with video poker or something along those lines - he lost his three best friends over the issue."

Bode added, "Guests of the federal government right now."

"Is that right?" Bayh responded. "That's unfortunate. I may lose friends over it, too. I hope they have enough sense not to get involved like that."

University of Massachusetts Prof. Robert

Goodman has conducted a two-year study on state-sanctioned gaming and is writing a book on the subject. He has watched the gaming industry work in different ways when it comes to political influence. One is in Illinois, where a former Chicago mayor, attorney general and head of the Illinois State Police are now working for gaming interests. "Clearly there is a lot of big money being spent to buy political help," said Goodman.

He debated the former Illinois State Police director on Monday in Amherst on the subject. "It's sort of interesting," Goodman said. "The former head of the Illinois state police is now working with lobbyists and said that was an indication of how clean the industry is."

Yet there have been improprieties in West Virginia and Louisiana that have brought indictments against friends and lieutenants of governors in both states.

Mayor Combs insisted that "I would do nothing to benefit myself over the city's interest. I have integrity and will keep it at all costs." But his Democratic opponent, Melvin Gabbard, reacted this way: "I'm not in a position to judge the man, whether he's right or wrong. But in my opinion, it shows poor judgment on his behalf."

Lawrenceburg Councilman Lewis McAdams, a Democrat, said that Combs should have disclosed the stock purchase to the council. "I don't think it should be allowed," McAdams said. "I do realize we're cut and dried in a lot of contracts we've got, but if anything else needs negotiated, it could be a problem."

■ **Bayh notes:** In the Bode interview, Gov. Bayh expressed concern over casino gambling coming to Northwest Indiana. "What I'm concerned about is some areas along Lake Michigan that will become dependent upon this revenue and the City of Chicago will get a big casino downtown. It's probably going to happen at some point and then they'll be left high and dry. So then we'll basically be recirculating money in Indiana and not creating any wealth of adding any social product to the state."

■ Bayh called Sen. Dick Lugar's call for a commission to examine gambling "a fine idea. I see absolutely no harm in examining that issue and finding out what the consequences are."